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The amendment filed on 2/18/09 is non-responsive under 37 CFR 1.111(b) which states that: "The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references."

Claim 36 is not addressed under the heading for claims 36 and 40. Furthermore, claim 36 and claim 40 are duplicates of each other. Both depend on claim 1 and include identical subject matter. It may have been intended for the Applicant to have claim 40 depend on one of the other newly added claims.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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